(घ) क्या सरकार इस बात की जांच कराने का विचार रखती है कि क्या इन लोगों की ठेके सही तरीके से दिये गये थे; क्या यह भूतपूर्व सैनिकों के नाम में लिया गया एक बनामी और फर्जी ठेका था तथा बिना काम कराए ही भुगतान किया गया था; यदि हां, तो सरकार कब तक और किसके द्वारा जांच का काम आरम्भ करवाना चाहती है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में कोयला विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी के० जाफर शरीफ): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Clearance of Bakreswar Thermal Power Project

670. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 146 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government have since cleared the Bakreswar Thermal Power Project in West Bengal;

(b) if so, by when the Project is likely to be taken up;

(c) what is the likely time of its completion and the expected power generation capacity; and

(d) whether any foreign aid is expected for this Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Clearance from the forestry angle in respect of the land required for the ash disposal system has not yet been obtained. The first unit of the project, which envisages the installation of three units of 210 MW each, could be commissioned in four years from the placement of orders for the main plant and equipment. The possibility of availing external assistance for the project is also being explored.

Requests from Assam and Gujarat Government for increasing royalty on crude oil

671. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat and Assam Governments have requested the Centre to increase royalty on crude oil produced in these States;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is Central Govenment's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of Gujarat and Government of Assam have demanded increase in rate of royalty on crude oil production from Rs. 192.00 per MT to Rs. 683.50 and Rs. 340 per MT respectively. The next review of the rate of royalty would be considered after taking into account all relevant factors, including the views of the concerned State Governments.

Allocation of Hydro-electric Power to Delhi

672. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking has repeatedly urged the Central Government to allocate more hydro electric power to Delhi to ease the continuing power crisis in the capital;